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1. THE EXECUTIVE OF THE NATIONAL UNION OF MINERS HAS VOTED TO RESCIND A BAN ON OVERTIME WHICH ITS PRESIDENT, JOE GORMLEY, HAD PREVIOUSLY CHARACTERIZED AS "DISGUSTING" AND A "FIASCO " (REFTEL). RANK AND FILE MEMBERS WILL BE ASKED TO ENDORSE THE DECISION IN A BALLOT AT THE PIT HEADS

2. THE NUM EXECUTIVE VOTED YESTERDAY (FEBRUARY 19) 14 TO 11 TO CANCEL THE OVERTIME BAN IN THE FACE OF WIDESPREAD UNCLASSIFIED

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OPPOSITION TO IT BY MINERS IN MANY REGIONS AROUND THE

COUNTRY. THE DECISION ALSO FOLLOWED A THREAT BY GORMLEY TO BOYCOTT A MEETING TODAY OF LABOR AND MANAGEMENT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COAL AND POWER SUPPLY INDUSTRIES WHICH WILL CONSIDER INCREASED USE OF COAL IN GENERATING ELECTRICITY.

3. THE ISSUE WHICH INITIALLY GAVE RISE TO THE BAN WAS A DECISION BY THE NATIONAL COAL BOARD TO CLOSE A COLLIERY IN LANGWITH, DERBYSHIRE (REFTTEL). WHILE THE LEFT-WING, INCLUDING THE NUM'S COMMUNIST VICE-PRESIDENT, MICK MCGAHEY (WHO HAD ABSTAINED IN THE EARLIER VOTE), VOTED TO SUPPORT THE BAN AT YESTERDAY'S MEETING. IT WAS NOT A CLEAR-CUT LEFT-RIGHT SPLIT. FOR EXAMPLE, SID VINCENT, A MODERATE LEADER FROM LANCASHIRE, VOTED FOR THE BAN BECAUSE HE IS WORRIED ABOUT LIKELY PIT CLOSURES IN HIS AREA. AFTER THE VOTE TO RESCIND THE BAN, THE NATIONAL COAL BOARD REPORTEDLY DECLARED: "WE HAVE NO PLANS TO SHUT LARGE NUMBERS OF PITS."

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